

Weymouth, Jan 28. 1849.

Dear Debauch

As soon as Waver has got the French Boxes through the Custom House we would like them sent on by Harnden to us, at 26. Essex St. Care of Wendell Phillips. We have decided that this house is the best place in which to mount them. Clara is willing. I would like them sent as soon as possible & at the same time send a letter to Mr Waver to pay their charges to Boston, & in the letter that he sends to Weymouth a that you send, enclose an account of the duties & every cent's expense that it has been; then of course the very minute that we have finished the sale, I shall inclose him the money. We shall probably hold the sale very soon so soon as the things get here & can be arranged. The place I think it probable where the sale takes place will be Mr Alcott's rooms in West St, next house to Miss Peabody's. Having the skirmish come off there was an idea of old Wadsworth who thought the place might be too cheap. It was a place where many people would go who would not resort to the A.S. Office. Many people are very anxious to know about it & we shall do our best to sell all we can, also any things that may be asked after in the other boxes; some pictures etc. We design to make this principle as general as we can, as we have all unanimously vowed that this ~~matter~~ is the best thing that under present circumstances we will ~~ever~~ do & our feet are down.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> L. & E. go in when you next see them & then they will send you such bells as we to go to Maria and a few Bayard Gazettes & Reports. We do not think it best to send more than one or two Lib & Standards



as to send all would make too large a package. Emma  
can take them. There was an unfortunate mistake  
made by Emma & me in packing up the Bells  
but it can't be helped. On the last day of the Annual  
Meeting she & I went to the office to write the  
inscriptions in the Bells; unfortunately E. fell into a  
morning state and handed me all the handsome  
Bells to write in for the Scotch & English & Irish friends,  
& I wrote away. I asked once or twice if there  
were enough Bells to be so lavish. He said yes, till at  
last, every one almost of the highly gilt ones were  
gone. So now the best I can send will be 1 white  
silk one - 3 or 4 Peter Dow ones, & highly gilt that should  
be left, & 5 other plain gilt. We then send the  
package to you in brown paper & then you must at  
your pleasure as regards sending it to France in a  
box or not. I suppose it will be sent to the care of  
Greene at Geneva. I shall merely put a few lines into  
the package telling about what Bells I have sent to  
England. I am J. D. Wendell wishes to have you  
asked if Mary said any thing to you, or ever has given  
any authority to you to pay a bill of 7 or 8 dollars  
for shoes for poor folks. A shoemaker has presented him  
a bill, giving all the names of the people. Now  
Wendell wishes to know whether to pay it or no. Also  
will Mary take "The Mass Review" this year. Coolidge &  
Wiley have sent in a receipted bill for it & W. wants  
to know also if any command was given by Mary as  
to this. To-morrow Lucia & Emma will go to town & will  
call at Poplar St & give the Bank Books to Wendell.  
Also Wendell paid me the \$5 due to you. I understood  
you that that money was what horse Carver money that  
you had in your pocket. If so, I shall take it &  
spend in our expense of coming & going to the "Little  
Fair" as it is called. We don't think it will be safe  
to send the ring you left by this package of Bells.



Henry has received the letter women sent him and  
as he has been in town, has I suppose arranged his  
affairs - Now a few words for the meeting. I believe it  
was one of the best we have ever held. It was a large  
meeting, very little noise and confusion, and a great deal  
of good speaking. But we missed a great deal of it.  
This was my experience. It left home Tuesday and  
my green house looked beautifully. I went direct  
to Cambridge, found Mrs. Allen quite ill with one of her  
liver complaints - She really looked very ill indeed &  
I should not marvel if she had another turn that she  
was not able to go abroad. She seemed very weak &  
nervous & is really in a poor state. I was received with  
the greatest joy & treated as if I had been a guest.  
I staid that day & night, read C's letter about the agency  
which gave great satisfaction & next morning went  
in town. The first forenoon was spent as usual, the meeting  
was rather thin. E. L.'s report good. L. & E. did not get in from  
Weymouth till noon. I dined at Wendell's with the Greens  
& Edna and Lucretia. We had a fine dinner. Turkey & every  
thing else. Ann did not come down. At night Mr. Davis,  
carried L. & E. to Brookline, as they lost the ~~carriage~~  
meeting. It was very good indeed, the runaway drove  
from St. Ellen Craft, producing a most excellent effect.  
He is a very intelligent looking black man, & she a  
pretty nice looking girl, much lighter than Civilian  
Howard, with plaited black hair. Her behaviour was pretty  
& natural. I went out to Cambridge with C. Allen at night  
according to agreement. There I put up while waiting all the  
news to Mr. F. who hoped she was a little better. Mary Phillips  
has returned home to die. He is very bad, but they hope  
to relieve him some by pouring down quinine (blindfold). I was  
sick in the night, not exactly such a case as at Poplar  
but one thing like it. Never the less I was well enough to  
depart the next morning but this Mr. F. wished it & thought  
it not quite so well for me to come & go. The next fore-  
noon was a good meeting. Free Soil was the subject under  
discussion - dividing the power of truth as to that. During  
& I dined at Wendell's. The Greens & Lucretia were there.  
I forgot to say that the night before we had to see  
Edmund, James Russell & his wife and Mrs. Garrison.



Thursday noon Emma went to the Sargents to dine. It was  
a pouring rain & she went to expect that I was in town  
& would come over & pass the night there. They asked  
her & desired to come, but they were not quite pleased  
with Henrietta's way & they preferred to go out to Wey-  
mouth in the 6 o'clock train. As for me after dinner  
W. put me into an omnibus to go to Faneuil Hall. It  
was a Lowell Dept one, as it was a pouring rain, I sat  
under my green bonnet jumps on, & I was carried to  
the apothecary's, got out, went in to Poplar St. & staid the  
whole the next morning. Her words were getting better.  
Poor Catherine was much knocked on the head, as I  
suspect she & H. had had a fight about visiting Mr.  
H. Having decided it that I was too delicate to come  
as for L. & E. I suppose she thought them better at home.  
I behaved very well & was very affectionate, read them  
C's letter but renewed to go home the next night. All  
the next day, E & I with few exceptions of a little while, were  
in the A.S. Office writing in, & arranging the  
Bells. Lucia did not come in. Henry had come in the  
night before & staid the night. E. & I dined at Wendell's  
again with the Greens & at night drank tea there with  
Mary Roberts. We found we could not get through by  
6 o'clock concluded to come out in the 11 o'clock train. The  
Evening meeting was most excellent. Henry went to  
hear Fanny Butler read & liked her. We all arrived  
home at a quarter after 12. All were ased but we  
got in. Tom Gilden came up for us. I was another  
I spent with all this & so was Emma. She said she had  
never had so hard a time as at this meeting. But  
this French Fair in the past. They go in too now to do  
some little business, or rather a good deal & on Friday I  
go again to give final orders to the Box which goes  
off Saturday. Mary Arnold is very ill indeed with  
inflammation of the lungs; her life supposed in danger.  
She had Dr. Field; I called yesterday morning & made  
Henry go with me. He behaved very well. She was asked  
then & they asked him to come up again in the afternoon &  
see her which he did. Rhoda & Cornelius wished to have  
him but Mary at the last, said she had had him 40  
years & would keep on.